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SUBJECT: PRC COMMENTS TO FRENCH CONCERNING US/ USSR NUCLEAR
AGREEMENTS

1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, FROMENT MEURICE, TOLD DCM THAT CHINESE
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF THE RECENT US/ USSR
NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING SOVIET INTENTIONS.
FRENCH CHARGE IN PEKING HAD ALSO REPORTED THAT CHINESE WERE NOT
HAPPY WITH RECENT AGREEMENTS, WHICH THEY CONSIDERED REPRESENTED
A FURTHER EFFORT BY THE TWO " SUPER POWERS" TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH OF
A NUCLEAR MONOPOLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: THE PRC MAY BE TAILORING SUCH COMMENTS TO THE FRENCH
BIAS, AND FROMENT MEURICE'S REPORTING HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN
DISINTERESTED. HOWEVER, FRENCH MAY BE ADOPTING
VIEW THAT THE PRC PRIVATE VIEWS ARE A MORE ACCURATE REFLECTION
OF PRC REACTIONS THAN THE MORE RESTRAINED PUBLIC RESPONSE.
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